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Senate Bill 267

Relating to: the definition of plumbing and classifying plumbers to do certain work. By Senators Plale, Taylor, Lehman, Hansen, Wirch, Holperin, Carpenter and Cowles; cosponsored by Representatives Soletski, Sinicki, Kestell, Zigmunt, Mursau, Murtha, Staskunas, Turner and Vruwink.

August 14, 2009 Referred to Committee on Commerce, Utilities, Energy, and Rail.

September 17, 2009 PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (7) Senators Plale, Wirch, Erpenbach, Kreitlow, Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Patrick Casey, Oconomowoc Plumbers Local 75
- Jeff Kuhn, Brookfield Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling Contractors Assoc.
- Aaron Olver Deputy Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Commerce
- Ann Gryphan, Madison Wisconin Onsite Water Recycling Association
- Kevin La Mere, Milwaukee Local 601

Appearances Against

• None.

Appearances for Information Only

• None.

Registrations For

- Tim Elverman, Milwaukee Plumbers Local 75
- Jeff Beiriger, Milwaukee Plumbing Contractors Association of SE Wisconsin
- Tom Benish, Middleton Carpenters Local 314
- Bruce Coleman, Franklin Heat & Frost Insulators Local 19
- Jim Soletski Representative, Wisconsin State Assembly
- David Boetcher, Waunakee IBEW State Conference of Inside Contruction Locals

- Brian Mitchell, Oconomowoc Mechanical Contractors Association of Wisconsin
- Steve Breitlow, Milwaukee Plumbers Local 75
- Greg Hunt, Elkhorn Concerned Citizen
- Randall Reitmann, Merrimac Carpenters 314

Registrations Against

 Michelle Kussow, Madison — Water Quality Association of Wisconsin

Registrations for Information Only

None.

January 12, 2010 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Plale, Wirch, Erpenbach, Kreitlow, Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Wirch, seconded by Senator Kreitlow that **Senate Amendment LRB 0792** be recommended for introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Wirch, Erpenbach, Kreitlow, Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT LRB 0792 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Cowles, seconded by Senator Kreitlow that **Senate Bill 267** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Wirch, Erpenbach, Kreitlow, Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Summer Shannon-Bradley Committee Clerk

Vote Record Committee on Commerce, Utilities, Energy, and Rail

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Senator Jon Erpenbach			X					
Senator Pat Kreitl	ow		X					
Senator Robert Co	X							
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Draft "Dear Colleague" for LRB-1046/4 -

SBOUT

To: All Legislators

From Senator Plale

Date: May 15. 2009

RE: Changes to definition of "plumbing".

Wisconsin has regulated plumbing for nearly a century to protect the safety and health of our state's residents. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce has jurisdiction over the licensing of plumbers and other plumbing related activities.

The definition of "plumbing" within the state statutes has not been updated to reflect changing technology related to plumbing and new understanding of health risks associated with wastewater and storm water discharges into public bodies of water. For instance, the current definition includes the term "water softeners", but that term does not reflect the full array of products that are installed by the industry today, including such things as "reverse osmosis systems" and "iron filters". All those items would be better described using the recommended term "water treatment devices". The Plumbing Advisory Code Council, which meets under the auspices of the Safety & Buildings Division of the Department of Commerce, recently reviewed the definition and recommended that it be revised and updated to reflect these changes in technology and new understanding of health risks associated with storm water and wastewater discharges.

The attached language would update the definition of "plumbing" in Chapter 145 of the statutes so that the Department of Commerce can provide better guidance to both individual citizens and units of government in the state who are seeking to comply with the state's regulation of plumbing.

The intention of the proposed language is to have the definition updated so as to better reflect the current practices in the industry and better protect our state's residents and our bodies of water from pollution and contamination.

Please contact Summer in Sen. Plale's office by June 1st if you wish to be a cosponsor.